

Grindcoretirement



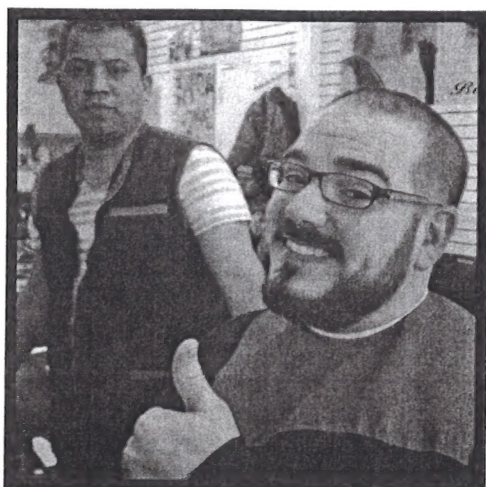
Year of the \$5 Haircut

Grindcore retirement is dedicated to something which continues to get more difficult for me to find...focus. I believe a certain beauty is found when placing focus on just one thing, experiencing it fully, and most importantly, with friends and family. It's with this sentiment that I give you another year of complete focus...this time on \$5 haircuts. Five visits resulting in \$5 snips for adventurous and willing companions in the year 2014. So sit back, retire, and enjoy! - Ryan

Brian's Five Dollar Haircut

w/ Brian Santostefano

Quizhpe's Beauty Salon
3539 W Lawrence Ave
Chicago, IL 60625



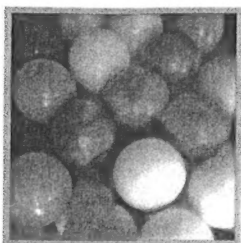
Five dollar haircut the year of frugality
Bringing friends outside salon normality

Blistering cold, late February's toll
Brought Brian Santostefano into haircut mode
A man of the camera, cheery smiles, and chuckles
Fan of the band with 1000 rubbing knuckles

Albany Park, Lawrence Ave of note
A five dollar haircut storefront bloat
Starting out right with our initial duty
Quizhpe's Salon of five dollar beauty
Colorful outside a streamer to boot
Cash only inside focused and mute

Pointing to a poster placed upon the wall
Brian picked a haircut while sitting in a stall
Limited English manning the shears
Brian's meager Spanish cost him some hairs

The result was shorter than initially requested
Though Brian seemed satisfied for the money invested
A five dollar convert we may not have acquired
Though Brian's good sportsmanship shall be admired



The Man Behind the Kit

w/ Mustafa Daka

Elegant Beauty Salon
3812 W Montrose Ave
Chicago, IL 60618

The man behind the kit
Has a right to style too
And that's how Mustafa
Settled on a new hairdo

The location was on Montrose
Named Elegant Beauty Salon
Well-dressed beauticians
Waiting to go on

Walls painted aqua
Neon signs galore
Buckets of hair products
Gumballs on the floor

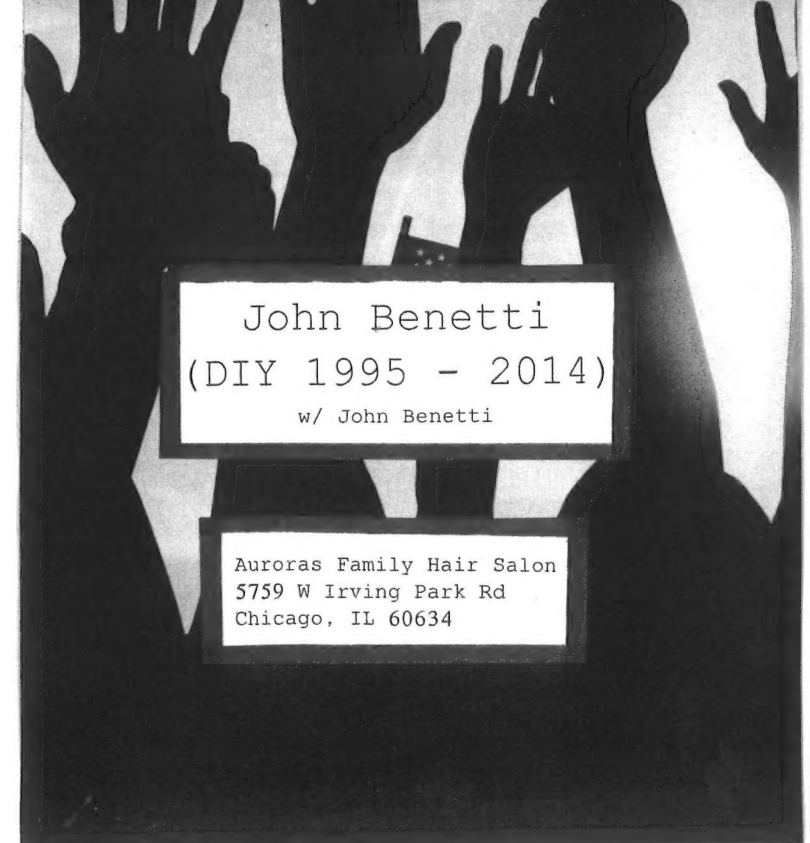
With no wait to mention
Our drummer sat for grooming
Snip, snap, snip
His style soon was blooming

With several hairs removed
Their dryer brought the heat
Wayne's World suck kut
Could not even compete

Last came the gel
Slapped upon his head
A little for the beard
Once again for the head

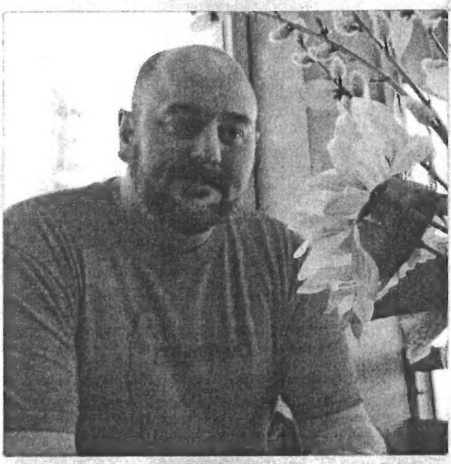
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The man behind the kit
Has a right to style too
And that's how Mustafa
Received a new hairdo

A black and white photograph featuring several dark silhouettes of hands raised in the air against a light background. In the center, there are two rectangular white labels with black text. The top label contains the name 'John Benetti' and the years '(DIY 1995 - 2014)'. The bottom label contains the text 'w/ John Benetti'.

John Benetti
(DIY 1995 - 2014)

w/ John Benetti

A black and white portrait photograph of a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark t-shirt. He is looking directly at the camera. The photo is set within a white border, which is itself within a larger black frame. To the left of the frame, a portion of an American flag is visible, showing the stars and stripes.

Auroras Family Hair Salon
5759 W Irving Park Rd
Chicago, IL 60634

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Not since 95' had this man graced a salon
Opting to use clippers or let it grow long
This bastion of DIY
Believer of self-discovery
Was dragged into Auroras for a \$5 recovery

More than broom clean this shop shamed the bean
Every reflection clear through each window and mirror
Even more stunning - the staff machine running
Through each cut, collection, and swift disinfection

Benetti sat for his cut - pensive at first
Would a \$5 cut be better or worse?
No talking, just cutting, the objective all clear
Upon completion a new man appeared

Seated amongst flowers he just looked so pretty
His \$5 dollar haircut was the best in the city?
"I plan to come back" said Benetti with joy
But how could this be, DIY's altar boy?

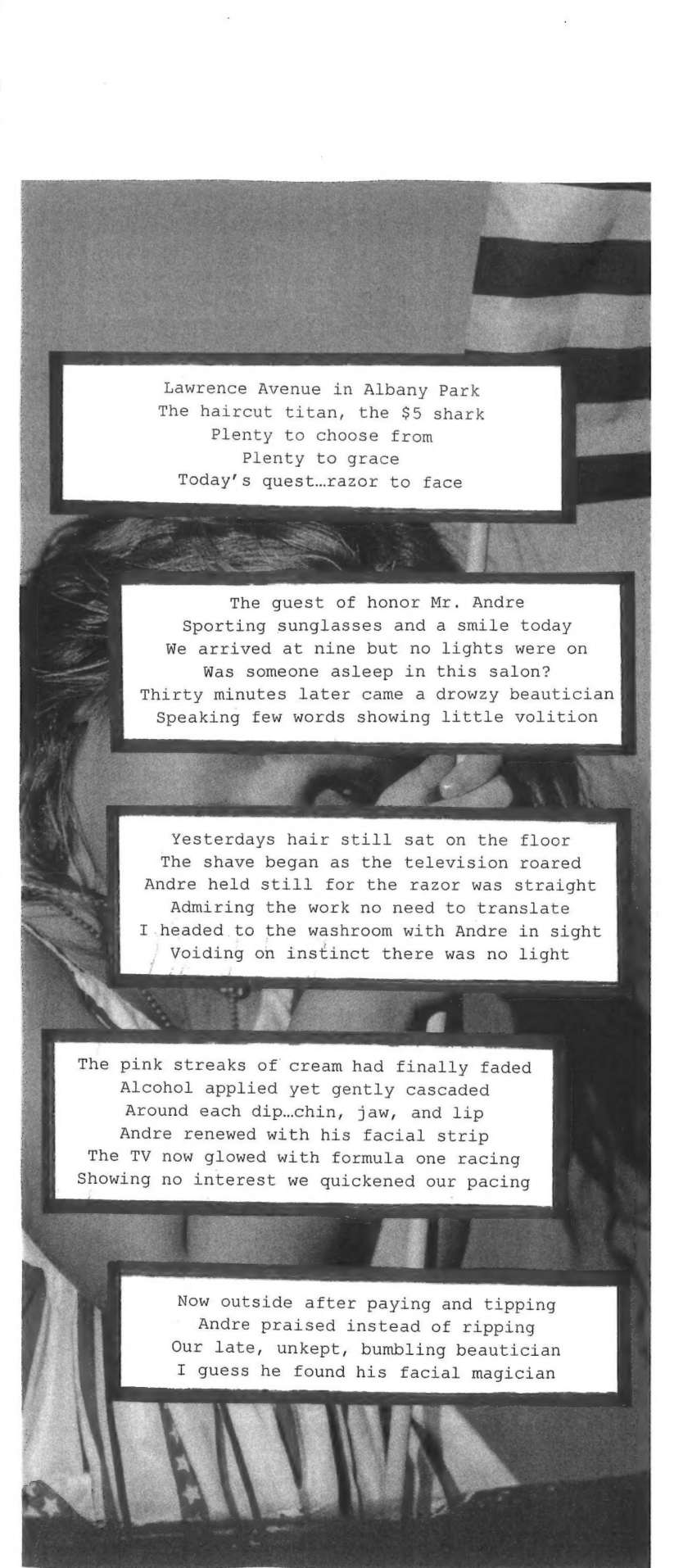
As a retired grindcore failure
I pleaded for him to rethink
This was only a sabbatical not kool-aid to drink
But Benetti took the bait, ate from the \$5 plate
And has gone back again since our last haircut date

Andre and his \$5 Shave

w/ Andre Foisey

Mary's Beauty Salon
3804 W Lawrence Ave
Chicago, IL 60625





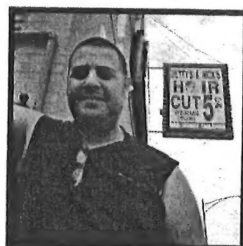
Lawrence Avenue in Albany Park
The haircut titan, the \$5 shark
Plenty to choose from
Plenty to grace
Today's quest...razor to face

The guest of honor Mr. Andre
Sporting sunglasses and a smile today
We arrived at nine but no lights were on
Was someone asleep in this salon?
Thirty minutes later came a drowsy beautician
Speaking few words showing little volition

Yesterdays hair still sat on the floor
The shave began as the television roared
Andre held still for the razor was straight
Admiring the work no need to translate
I headed to the washroom with Andre in sight
Voiding on instinct there was no light

The pink streaks of cream had finally faded
Alcohol applied yet gently cascaded
Around each dip...chin, jaw, and lip
Andre renewed with his facial strip
The TV now glowed with formula one racing
Showing no interest we quickened our pacing

Now outside after paying and tipping
Andre praised instead of ripping
Our late, unkept, bumbling beautician
I guess he found his facial magician



All Six Betty and Nick's

w/ John Ludwig, Bradley Adita, Paul Petrowsky, Derek Black, Ryan Scaccia, Becky Nixon, and John Darragh

Betty and Nick's
6015 W Irving Park Rd
Chicago, IL 60618

Betty and Nick's
3400 W Montrose
Chicago, IL 60618

Betty and Nick's
4256 W Addison St
Chicago, IL 60641

Betty and Nick's
4110 W Oakton St
Skokie, IL 60076

Betty and Nick's
5325 W. Fullerton Ave
Chicago, IL 60639

Betty and Nick's
6617 W. Cermak Rd
Berwyn, IL 60502

For the grand finale
It's Betty and Nick's
Six locations
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Albany Park, Skokie, Berwyn,
Old Irving, Cragin, Jefferson
Haircuts, waxing, bleaching, fades
Coloring, line ups, highlights, shaves

CUT #1 - Albany with Ludwig
Overall glad he explored
Yet quietly strangled by a clipper cord
Art and Science will retain his business

CUT #2 - Bradley in Cragin
Quite a long wait for a no cream shave
Yet faster than Pete's barber man cave
Pete's Barber Shop will retain his business

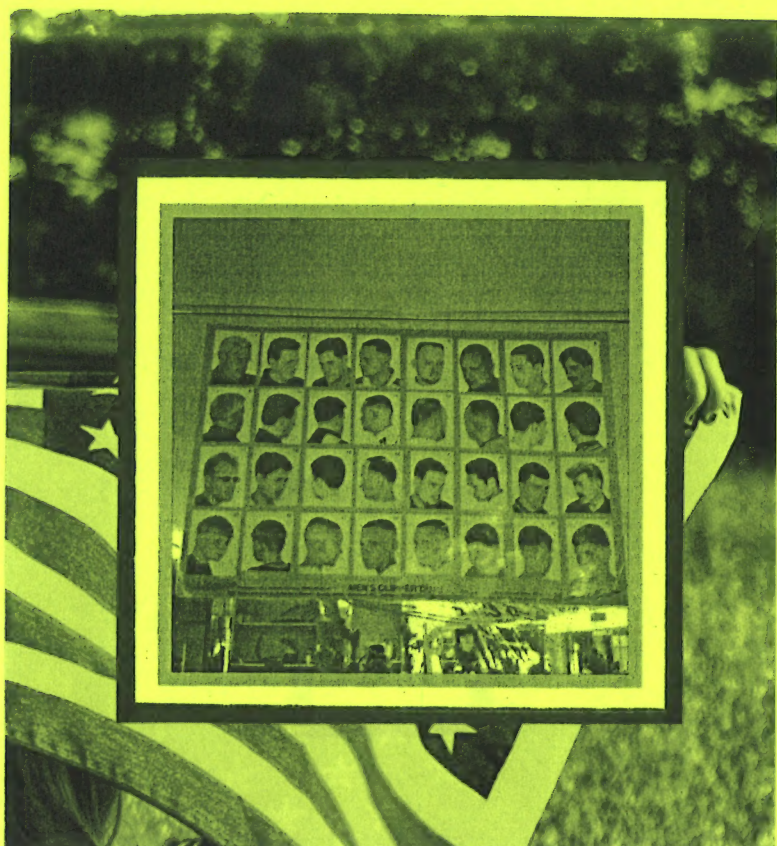
CUT #3 - Berwyn with Paul
With kids in tow he found his fade
This Hair Cuttery patron now swayed
Betty and Nick's Berwyn will retain its business!

CUT #4 - Derek in Old Irving
Halloween decorated...spider, ghost, witch
A haircut done right at a flick of the switch
Betty and Nick's Old Irving
will retain its business! (when Derek is in town)

CUT #5 - Jefferson Park with Scaccia
His girlfriend, a hair stylist, awaited in horror
After the cut she became a restorer
Scaccia's girlfriend will...restore his business

CUT #6 - Becky and John in Skokie
A bustling beehive of snips and tips
John content and Becky came to grips
Betty and Nick's Skokie might see
some more business from this wonderful couple

There it is...the year of the \$5 haircut. Thank you to all that survived their chopping. And a special thanks to my friend Becky Nixon who finally got her bangs back in 2016 after a less than desirable \$5 haircut in 2014. Till the next pension check - be well! - Ryan



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